

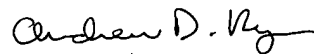
Remarks

Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-15, 17, and 21. This preliminary Amendment accompanies the newly filed above-identified voluntary divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/662,198, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety. This divisional application claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/662,198 filed September 14, 2000 and U.S. Application Serial No. 09/397,126 filed September 16, 1999.

Conclusion

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney, Andrew D. Ryan, at telephone number (585) 422-8085, Rochester, New York.

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